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## THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH.

Those who expected President Wilson to say something sensational in his Manhattan Club speech last night were doomed to disappointment. From advance newspaper notices sent out by Washington newspaper men the public might have been led to believe that the president would have something to say on our foreign relations, letting enough be known to make the country aware that grave dangers have threatened recently; but Mr. Wilson did nothing of the sort. Instead he stuck to a written speech, and appealed more to reason than to fear.

Mr. Wilson spoke for the administration's preparedness program. He avoided politics, truly saying that it represented the best professional and expert judgment of the country. "I am not so much interested in programs," he said, "as I am in safeguarding at every cost the good faith and honor of the country."

With reference to outside dangers, the president says "no thoughtful man feels any panic haste in this matter. The country is not threatened from any quarter. She stands in friendly relations with all the world. Her resources are known and her self-respect and her capacity to care for her own citizens and her own rights. There is no fear amongst us. Under the new world conditions we have become thoughtful of the things which all reasonable men consider necessary for securing the self-defense on the part of every nation confronted with the great enterprise of human liberty and independence. That is all."

With reference to the complaints and mutterings of that element in the United States which has sought to disrupt even the American government for the benefit of European belligerents, the president says:

"The only thing within our own borders that has given us grave concern in recent months has been that voices have been raised in America professing to be the voices of Americans which were not indeed and in truth American, but which spoke alien sympathies, which came from men who loved other countries better than they loved America, men who were partisans of other causes than that of America and had forgotten that their chief and only allegiance was to the great government under which they live. The voices have not been many, but they have been very loud and very clamorous. They have proceeded from a few who were bitter and who were grievously misled. America has not opened its doors in vain to men and women out of other nations. The vast majority of those who have come to take advantage of her hospitality have united their spirits with hers as well as their fortunes. These men who speak alien sympathies are not their spokesmen but the spokesmen of small groups whom it is high time that the nation should call to a reckoning. The chief thing necessary in America in order that she should let all the world know that she is prepared to maintain her own great position is that the real voice of the nation should sound forth unmistakably and in majestic volume, in the deep union of a common, unhesitating national feeling. I do not doubt that upon the first occasion, upon the first opportunity, upon the first definite challenge, that voice will speak forth in tones which no man can doubt and with commands which no man dare gainsay or resist."

Mr. Wilson speaks of "another danger that we should guard against," and that is the manifestation of religious and sectarian antagonism. He says that it does not become America that within her borders where "every man is free to follow the dictates of his conscience and worship God as he pleases, men should raise the cry of church against church. To do that is to strike at the very spirit and heart of America."

Mr. Wilson's concluding paragraph is as follows:

"Here is the nation God has builded by our hands. What shall we do with it? Who is there who does not stand ready at all times to act in her behalf in a spirit of devoted and disinterested patriotism? We are yet only in the youth and first consciousness of our power. The day of our country's life is still but in its fresh morning. Let us lift our eyes to the great tracts of life yet to be conquered

in the interests of religious peace. Come let us renew our allegiance to America, conserve her strength in its purity, make her chief among those who serve mankind, self-reverenced, self-commanded, mistress of all forces of quiet counsel, strong above all others in good will and the might of invincible justice and right."

There is nothing sensational about this speech. It is like Woodrow Wilson. If you admire him, you like it. It's Wilson.

## THE PARADE.

The Record along with the other friends of Lenoir College was elated at the showing of that institution in the parade yesterday. Faculty and students marched in the procession, thus adding to an occasion of real import to this community. The parade was inspiring, and we have no doubt that many in the large crowd noted that it had been planned carefully, that all concerned had evinced a lively interest in its success, and that there was no holding back on the part of teachers and taught. A parade like that of yesterday tends to make all of us better. We feel on such an occasion the tremendous responsibility of the community and state, and one quite naturally responds to the impulse to do his part in the game of life. Nothing could be better for the community than the assembling of its charges, and the Record hopes that next year more schools will join in. It is an occasion of honor.

If the Greeks in Athens feel about the war as do the Greeks in the United States, and more particularly in North Carolina, the government will not be able to keep out long. This is not a long-distance feeling either, because the Greek nationals respond to the call as readily as any other people.

And wasn't this fair all right in every way? And should we not literally spread ourselves next year and have better and larger exhibits than they have at Winston-Salem, Greensboro and Raleigh? It can be done.

Did President Robinson, Vice-President Clark, Secretary Henderson and any of the other officers of the fair fail to do everything possible? They did not. Here's a vote of thanks for the management.

The Greek war minister, presuming on something or other, called for a vote—and down he went together with the anti-war cabinet.

Speaking as a newspaper reporter, we are not sorry the fair is over, but we shall strive even harder next year to make the event better.

We see by the papers that both the Democrats and Republicans are satisfied by the results Tuesday. The tug of war will come next November.

We judge that when the Raleigh Times essays any more humor, it will, as was indicated the other day, label it joke.

We are glad to observe that there is no mourning among the Hickory dames and maids over the election results Tuesday.

Well, girls, didn't those horrid men in New York, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania swat it!

Now, let it rain.

## PRESS COMMENT

### German Public Opinion.

Indianapolis News.

While it is an easy matter comparatively to learn what public opinion is in France and Great Britain it is almost impossible to find out what it is in Germany. About the best that can be done is to draw inferences from certain supposed facts. And that is a dangerous procedure. For the facts may not really be facts, and even if they are, there is always the possibility of misinterpretation. A few days ago there was an order issued prohibiting public discussion of peace programs. Naturally it was assumed that the German people were weary of the war, and strongly disposed to peace. For so it was argued, there would be no reason for issuing the order forbidding discussion, unless the discussion were widespread and general, and, of course, extremely distasteful to the government. It is, therefore, fair to conclude that the peace movement in Germany is strong.

But it is by no means fair to conclude that the German government opposes it because it opposes peace. On the contrary, it may feel that the agitation will embarrass it in any negotiations that it may have in mind. And that raises another question—is official Germany prepared to negotiate? Here again nothing more than an inference is possible. A few days ago the American ambassador had an informal conference with the kaiser, and at once it was guessed that their talk was of peace. Later came the report that Prince von Buelow, former chancellor and ambassador to Italy, was to visit Spain and the United States, and again it was assumed—and quite reasonably—that his object was to lay before the governments of the two countries the German view of the present situation. It is a fact, too, that all the suggestions or rumors of peace have been traced to German sources. Nor is it unreasonable to suppose that, if the government is moving in the direction of peace, it is in response to a strong public sentiment.

How far that sentiment—if it exists—is due to unsatisfactory economic conditions is another question that it is extremely difficult to answer. For there are the most contradictory reports. It is, however, safe to say that economic conditions are bad in all

the countries now at war. They are probably worse in Germany than anywhere else—unless it be Russia—because of her more complete isolation from the rest of the world. The government is certainly exerting greater and greater control over the food supply. Only the other day the dispatches announced that there had been food riots among the women of Berlin, and that the government had been forced to intervene with a strong hand. In a recent Berlin dispatch to the New York Sun, printed in the News of Monday last, there were long extracts from two German papers, the Vorwaerts and the Taegliche Rundschau, in which the food situation was described as almost desperate. Four other papers told practically the same story.

If these accounts were really printed in the papers to which they are credited, there must be one of two facts in Germany. The encouraging reports that come from official circles do not help matters much, for in all of them it is admitted that extraordinary measures have been adopted to protect the poor against high, if not famine, prices. Finally, the Vorwaerts was recently quoted by the New York Evening Post as saying that after the war is over pensions and interest on the imperial debt will call for an expenditure each year of \$625,000,000, which is equal to the total ordinary and extraordinary expenditures of 1912. At present, the German paper says, the receipts of the empire will hardly suffice to meet the interest charge. All other expenses will have to be covered by fresh taxes. Here again the question is one of fact. If these accounts are true—which is the thing to be proved—one can readily believe that the people are for peace.

## Monuments.

The proposition to erect some monument of service in honor of the late R. C. Hood of Greensboro is worthy of the support of the public, but will not receive it. A monument of any kind does not appeal to the public. We have a number of monuments of service here at the orphanage, but these were erected by individuals. The movement for a monument to so great a man as John H. Mills would drag through weary years, if it could be indeed secured at all.

All the state loved and honored the life and work of Charles B. Aycock, but the movement for a monument to a suitable monument to his memory to be placed in the capitol square at Raleigh, if it is making any progress at all, is distressingly slow. The late J. P. Caldwell unfettered the press of North Carolina and set it free from the bondage of party tyranny, but his effort to erect a monument to his memory was an inglorious failure.

Individuals, organizations, institutions build monuments but not the public at large. It is no reflection on the life and character of the man in whose honor the monument is proposed—it is simply the way we have of doing things. We do not feel the pressing necessity for a shaft, or even a building to perpetuate the name and fame of a great or good man, and having the best intentions in the matter we postpone giving to it because we feel that there is no hurry; and putting a thing off until tomorrow often means putting it off forever. If a movement could be sprung immediately after the death of some beloved leader, under the warm and generous impulse of loving sympathy, funds might be gathered for a monument, but each day's delay cools the public ardor, and congeals the genial currents of the soul.

A campaign of begging through a year of waiting may at last gather a small sum, but the effort discredits and spoils the merit of the movement. How many monuments to the Confederate dead have been built by popular subscription? Nearly all of them are the result of the loving and patient effort of the Daughters of the Confederacy, and in one case at least we have knowledge of such an effort that has been in progress for forty years, and is not yet complete. The best monument ever erected is that built through the sacrificial service of the man himself. H. C. Hood has reared his own monument. He made Greensboro a better town.

## Was Fair For Fair.

News and Observer.  
And after Editor Farabee of the Hickory Record has been clamoring for fair weather for the Catawba County Fair, his paper on Tuesday booms forth with an editorial caption of "Hail The Fair." We had rain in Raleigh that fairly swatted the State Fair, but if Catawba wants "Hail" for its fair well and good.

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